Extension of validity for charter permits

3918. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of days taken to process applications for renewal of validity and extension of validity for charter permits in his Ministry from small entrepreneurs in fisheries;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government insists that representatives come from distant places to process such cases;

(c) whether Government are aware that small firms cannot afford liaison officers;

(d) what steps would be initiated to streamline the functioning of his Ministry; and

(e) what are the instructions given by his Ministry to give prompt attention to units in difficulties in fishery sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (e) While no fixed time frame has been stipulated for disposal of applications for renewal/extension of validity of charter permits, applications complete with all requisite documents are disposed of expeditiously. The applications are considered purely on merits, and Government does not insist on personal visits by the representatives of the firms.

Long-term strategy for development to domestic deep-sea fishery sector

3919. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any long-term strategy has been developed by Government for the domestic deep-sea fishery sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sought any outside consultancy or opinion to formulate a long-term strategy for maintaining the existing profile and substance of the deep-sea fishing sector; and

(d) if so, the details of all imports and agencies which helped formulated a long-term strategy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Several long term measures have been taken by the Government for promotion of domestic deep sea fishery sector. Some of the measures taken are indicated in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) On a request from Government, FAO sent a Consultant in Feb., 1992 to study the status of the deep sea fishing industry, to identify the problems and to suggest remedial measures for the sustainable and viable development of deep sea fishing fleet in India. The report proposes that a Demonstration Commercial Fishing should be undertaken for a minimum period of two years to establish the commercial viability of deep sea fishing vessels. Measures are also proposed for the gradual and phased deployment of deep sea fishing and for the collection of catch data in order to have an effective fisheries management and for ensuring the sustainable development of deep sea fishing in India.

STATEMENT

Long-term measures taken by the Govt. for Promotion of Indian Deep Sea Fishing

(i) Augmentation of deep sea fishing fleet through judicious mix of indegenous, imported and charter of fishing vessels.

(ii) Provision of 33% subsidy on the cost of indigenously constructed deep sea fishing vessels.

(iii) Provision of loan facility by Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd. (SCICI).

(iv) Systematic and intensive survey of fishery resources in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone.

(v) Augmentation of harbour facilities at major and minor ports.

(vi) Supply of diesel and oil at concessional prices for deep sea fishing vessels, exporting marine products.

(vii) Regulation of fishing by foreign vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone.

(viii) Training of deep sea fishing operatives for manning the fishing vessels.

(ix) Assistance to deep sea fishing companies for diversified fishing.

(x) Assistance for tuna and other fish processing.

(xi) Grant-in-aid to provide interest subsidy on loan for requisition of deep sea fishing vessels.

(xii) Equity participation in deep sea fishing and processing projects.

(xiii) Assistance for setting up of cold chain.

Scheme for re-imbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel Oil

3920. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Plan Schemes for encouraging the deep-sea fishing sector, there is a scheme to re-imburse Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel Oil;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are aware that many pioneering fishing companies based in Andhra Pradesh have been deprived of this facility;

(c) what measures Government have initiated to rectify this anomoly; and

(d) whether Government would take up the issue of rectifying the existing weaknesses in the scheme with all concerned Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir. However, there is a scheme to reimburse a part of the cost of High Speed Diesel Oil consumed by the deep sea fishing vessels. This scheme is being implemented by Marine Products Export Development Authority, (MPEDA). The scheme is an export linked subsidy scheme.

(b) No fishing vessel owner, who is eligible for availing the subsidy under the above mentioned export linked subsidy scheme of MPEDA, has been deprived of the facility.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Supply of Medicines in CGHS Dispensary

3921. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indented medicines are supplied after lapse of 8 to 12 days to beneficiaries of CGHS dispensary of Palam Colony, if so, what are the rules in this regard and the details of violation of the rules by the authorities of that dispensary during the last three months; and

(b) what is the name of concerned chemist agency attached to the dispensary of Palam Colony and the action taken against it for not supplying the medicines in time?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The concerned chemist is under contractual obligation to deliver the indented medicines either on the same day or the next day at the premises of the dispensary. However, on a few occasions during the past three months, indented medicines were not supplied in time by M/s. Suri Medicos for which he has been suitably warned.

Abolition of Capitation Fee in Medical Colleges

3922. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite government's policy to abolish the system of capitation fee prevalent in medical colleges in different States; the system is still rampant in different forms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what effective steps are contemplated to do away with the system?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) No such cases have come to the notice of the Central Government after the Supreme Court announced its judgement on 4th February, 1993 and observed that there is no room or occasion for the management or any one else on its behalf to demand or collect any amount beyond what is permitted. Appropriate action is to be taken by the State Governments concerned to fix the ceiling on fees of private medical colleges and for regulating the admissions.

Rabies Cases in India

3923. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an alarming 70 per cent of the fatal rabies cases in the world are reported from India in the year 1992;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible for this; and

(c) what measures are proposed to check this?